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ReBuairtel indicated that any contact with B. LOWELL JACOBSEN, Vice President of Industrial Relations, P. Lorillard Company, NYC, concerning negotiations between that business firm [redacted] should be extremely discreet and that any question of possible embarrassment to the Bureau should be resolved in favor of limiting the investigation to established sources.

The NYO has alerted [redacted] for indication of any information concerning more detail about the aforementioned negotiations but has not at this time accumulated sufficient data which would make possible an interview of B. LOWELL JACOBSEN without creating the impression that the Bureau is investigating the SCLC [redacted]

NYO indices indicate no information which would preclude an interview of B. LOWELL JACOBSEN at this time, but it is felt that such an interview would not be productive in that no information has been developed concerning possible violation of any criminal statutes in connection with the negotiations as well as the possible embarrassment to the Bureau of conducting such an interview prematurely.

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Title: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis: NYO of the SCLC is at 200 West 57th Street, NY, NY. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., late President of the SCLC, consulted with HARRY BELAFONTE, CLARENCE JONES, STANLEY LEVISON, BAYARD RUSTIN and HARRY WACHTEL before his demise in April, 1968. RALPH D. ABERNATHY, current President of the SCLC, continues to utilize the aforementioned individuals as advisors. Various confidential sources have advised of STANLEY LEVISON's dissatisfaction with the administration by RALPH D. ABERNATHY of the SCLC. Sources also indicate that LEVISON frequently advises CORETTA KING, wife of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. [redacted]

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received that members of the Communist Party (CP) have infiltrated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). This investigation is directed solely towards establishing the extent and result of this infiltration. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not investigating the legitimate activities of the SCLC.

The individuals and organizations who are characterized are found in the appendix section of this report. When they are initially mentioned in this report, these names are followed by an asterik (*). This may not be true in every instance since some individuals are characterized in the body of this report.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference will be abbreviated by the initials SCLC. RALPH D. ABERNATHY is President of the SCLC which has headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

On September 9, 1968, ADELE KANTER, Office Manager of the SCLC, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that the New York Office (NYO) of the SCLC is located in Room 1301, 200 West 57th Street, New York City.

As of June, 1968, ADELE KANTER, EVELYN NELSON and WILLIAM S. STEIN were the salaried employees of the SCLC in New York City.

Ralph Abernathy [redacted] b1

The advisors of RALPH D. ABERNATHY and the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., who was President of the SCLC at the time of his death in April, 1968, are HARRY BELAFONTE*, [redacted]

CLARENCE JONES*, STANLEY LEVISON*, BAYARD RUSTIN* and HARRY WACHTEL*. [redacted] b1 1 C 1

On January 31, 1968, an unidentified representative of the SCLC made a statement at the NYO of the SCLC that that organization carried out no activities in New York City and was concerned only with the raising of funds.

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On January 31, 1968, Miss ADELE KANTER, Office Manager of the SCLC in New York City, advised that the main purpose of the NYO of the SCLC was to raise funds for the organization in the New York area and that no operational activities were carried out by the NYO of the SCLC.

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On January 31, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON, while in conference with WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, Executive Director of the SCLC, stated that he had recently conferred with HARRY WACHTEL, CLARENCE JONES and BAYARD RUSTIN concerning the activities of the SCLC. RUTHERFORD advised LEVISON that MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. is attempting to obtain a private meeting with STOKELY CARMICHAEL, former National Chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)*, to discuss the tactics of non-violent demonstrations. LEVISON and RUTHERFORD discussed the financial situation of the SCLC. LEVISON indicated that he advised MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. that KING should pay particular attention to the attitude of some of the financial contributors to the SCLC.

in that it would be easier to obtain money from them that way.

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On February 2, 1968, ANDREW YOUNG, Executive Vice-President of the SCLC, stated that he was going to meet STANLEY LEVISON, LEON DAVIS* and MOE FONER in New York City to discuss SCLC business.

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On February 3, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON and WILLIAM RUTHERFORD conferred together about a list of financial contributors to the SCLC. LEVISON indicated that in examining the list, he noted that there were no big donors on it. LEVISON suggested that a board meeting of SCLC members be held to discuss a way of soliciting larger contributions for the organization.

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On February 8, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON and WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, while in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, agreed that an effort should be made to change the thinking of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. about the possibility of violence taking place at SCLC sponsored functions. LEVISON indicated that he did not want KING to think that he was advocating that the leadership of the SCLC preach violence but that many things are obtained only by the use of violent means.

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On March 4, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised DORA MC DONALD, Secretary to MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., that he

had prepared a statement for KING to issue at a press conference which KING was to attend on that date. MC DONALD expressed her appreciation to LEVISON for preparing the statement. LEVISON indicated to MC DONALD that KING should emphasize that it would be very patriotic for KING to demand that the war end in Vietnam and that a war be declared on racism and poverty in the United States.

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On March 23, 1968, WILLIAM RUTHERFORD was told by STANLEY LEVISON that the financial situation of the SCLC is very bad and shows no prospect of improving in the near future.

LEVISON indicated that the fund raising letters that SCLC sends out brings in very little money.

RUTHERFORD told LEVISON that MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. spends very little time or effort in attempting to raise money for the SCLC and that his main interest seems to be the proposed Poor Peoples' Campaign in Washington, D.C.

LEVISON indicated that although the Poor Peoples' Campaign will create a lot of publicity, it will raise very little money for the SCLC.

LEVISON indicated that although the SCLC has no precedent for it, it would be a good idea to attempt to obtain financial aid from various labor unions.

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On March 26, 1968, DORA MC DONALD, Secretary to MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., requested STANLEY LEVISON to prepare a letter with KING's signature on it to the effect that KING will not be a candidate for the Presidency of the United States in 1968.

MC DONALD indicated that this letter was to be given to various magazines and newspapers in the United States.

LEVISON indicated that he would prepare such a letter and that he would point out in it that KING's main interests are not political, but are concerned with improving the position of the poverty stricken people in this country.

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On March 28, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON and MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. discussed the violence that had occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, on that date following KING's leadership of a protest march through downtown Memphis.

LEVISON told KING not to be depressed about the violence and he counselled KING not to be defensive about the use of violence.

After conferring with KING, LEVISON then met with RALPH ABERNATHY, at that time an aid to MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., and they conferred about KING's failure to organize properly the demonstration march that took place in Memphis on March 28, 1968.

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On March 29, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON again met with MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and KING told LEVISON that the march he led in Memphis, Tennessee, the previous day was from a public relation's point of view a disaster and that we are in serious trouble as a result of it. KING indicated that the violence that took place was not the fault of the SCLC but that such persons as ROY WILKINS, of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People and former

Congressman from New York, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL would make statements to the effect that it was KING who caused the violence. KING indicated both of the aforementioned individuals have a great influence among Negroes.

LEVISON indicated to KING that it was time for him to accept the position favorable towards the use of violence in the streets. He said to KING that people may not agree with you at first but eventually they will accept the fact that you support violence in the streets.

KING replied to LEVISON by stating that he was so upset and shocked over the Memphis violence that he was going to effect a personal fast as a means of appealing to the Memphis leadership as well as those who participated in the violence to come to him in a united and non-violent way.

LEVISON said that KING's reasoning was false. He indicated that he was afraid that KING was placing himself in a trap by stating you must have 100 per cent adherence to non violence when such a thing is impossible.

LEVISON indicated to KING that if he could control the majority of the people and that there was still some violence, he could still consider himself to be an advocate of the non-violence technique.

KING agreed that there was great merit to what LEVISON had suggested.

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On April 4, 1968, the night following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., STANLEY LEVISON, HARRY WACHTEL and HARRY BELAFONTE initially agreed that they should go to Memphis on that day to see if they could be of any help in putting the SCLC affairs in order.

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LEVISON indicated that he had been called by BAYARD RUSTIN and that RUSTIN wished to join him in Memphis but that he did not feel it was a good idea to have RUSTIN present at any meeting because he felt that RUSTIN was not too popular with some of the close associates of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. After discussing the proposed trip to Memphis, it was agreed upon by LEVISON, WACHTEL and BELAFONTE that they could accomplish very little that would help the SCLC if they did travel to Memphis at that time. LEVISON indicated to WACHTEL and BELAFONTE that they should postpone their trip until things settled down for a while.

LEVISON advised BELAFONTE that he had conferred with JESSE JACKSON, an SCLC official, and that JACKSON advised that he did not think it was a proper time for LEVISON to come to Memphis in order to straighten out SCLC affairs.

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On April 5, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON had a meeting with ANDREW YOUNG concerning the successor to the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. LEVISON and YOUNG agreed that RALPH ABERNATHY was the only logical choice they could make at that time. LEVISON suggested that YOUNG called a press conference so that people may get straightened out as to who the new SCLC President, RALPH ABERNATHY, is.

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On April 6, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON stated that there is really no one who can take the place of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. as the head of the SCLC but that KING, more or less, named RALPH ABERNATHY as his "heir".

LEVISON indicated that the assassination of KING will be a financial boom to the SCLC and that he feels that it will take at least a million dollars to keep the SCLC going.

LEVISON indicated that already there is hostility between CORETTA KING, MARTIN LUTHER KING's wife, and the staff of the SCLC. LEVISON indicated that CORETTA KING wished to utilize the moneys obtained from various contributors since the death of her husband for a memorial library to be built in honor of him. He indicated that most SCLC members were fighting this and that they preferred the money to be utilized strictly for SCLC purposes.

LEVISON indicated that Mrs. KING had been approached by some unnamed members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who wanted to take over the whole SCLC operation and all the moneys that would come into it. Mrs. KING advised that she was not at all in favor of it.

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On April 12, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON met with a representative who claimed to be associated with the American-Jewish Congress and LEVISON indicated to this individual that he felt RALPH ABERNATHY will do a better job with the SCLC among Negroes than KING did because ABERNATHY is really a Negro.

LEVISON indicated that ABERNATHY will have less rapport with white people because he does not have the polish for speaking ability of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

LEVISON doubted whether ABERNATHY will have much success in dealing with the black militant leaders such as STOKELY CARMICHAEL in that ABERNATHY does not have the

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ability that KING had of being able to sit down and preach to people.

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On April 16, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised CORETTA KING that she should make a deal with some publishing firm to the effect that she will write a book to be published in a year or two which would deal with her life with her late husband.

Mrs. KING indicated to LEVISON that she has many offers to appear before different groups and that she is confused as to what ones to accept and what ones to reject.

LEVISON warned Mrs. KING that she should not allow herself to be overexposed or overused because he feels people will try and exploit her at this point.

Mrs. KING advised that she would carefully consider all the advice given to her by STANLEY LEVISON.

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On April 17, 1968, DORA MC DONALD, Secretary to the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., contacted STANLEY LEVISON to tell him that RALPH ABERNATHY had been approached by the television program "Meet The Press" to appear on that program in the immediate future.

LEVISON advised that if ABERNATHY appears on the "Meet The Press" program, he will fall flat on his face and he would do so before the whole nation. LEVISON indicated that he is sure ABERNATHY would agree that that would be the result of such an appearance.

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LEVISON stated that it would be best if ABERNATHY would not make any appearances publicly in the immediate future.

LEVISON indicated that he has been advising CORETTA KING that just because she receives thousands of dollars for the articles that are written under her name, she does not have to pay the writers of these articles any more than a few hundred dollars in that it is she who commands the price and the writer who prepares the article is not worth that much.

LEVISON further advised that he has emphasized to Mrs. KING that it is important that she does not overextend her popularity by making too many appearances at the present time in that it will cause the name of "MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr." to be overused.

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On April 19, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON, ANDREW YOUNG and HARRY BELAFONTE discussed the future of the fund raising activities of the SCLC.

LEVISON suggested that a greater effort be made to solicit money from Negroes and to obtain a larger Negro membership in the SCLC.

BELAFONTE and LEVISON discussed the best way to handle the fact that many people are making solicitations on behalf of the SCLC and also for a fund set up for a MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. memorial and that these two things were becoming quite a problem.

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Neither BELAFONTE nor LEVISON could agree on a way to handle this.

LEVISON advised that it had been suggested to him that he should start making notes on his relationship with the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. as he is the only one who knew him intimately and that he might, at some time, write a biography of KING.

LEVISON indicated that he feels that CORETTA KING should spend the majority of her time devoted to the preparation of a book involving her life with her late husband.

LEVISON stated that he accepted CORETTA KING's offer to handle all arrangements for her forthcoming book.

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On April 19, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON indicated that he will make an attempt to track down the origin of all those unauthorized books and booklets that have been published recently concerning the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and his relationship with the SCLC. LEVISON stated that to stop any more of these unauthorized things from being published, he is going to have HARRY BELAFONTE ask that everyone associated with the SCLC agree in writing not to publish anything concerning KING or the SCLC without permission of the governing board of the SCLC.

LEVISON indicated that he was very disappointed in the number of contributions made to the MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. memorial fund that was sponsored by HARRY BELAFONTE. LEVISON indicated that RALPH ABERNATHY is certainly not attractive to the white middle class intellectual with whom KING was so popular with. LEVISON indicated that this was the source of

a great financial loss to the SCLC and that we cannot get by with somebody like ABERNATHY who is just not appealing to the white intellectual.

LEVISON indicated that he felt that as much as 75 per cent of those people who contributed to the SCLC when MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. was alive will now be lost as a result of the change in leadership. LEVISON indicated that the answer to this problem is to go where the new leadership has appeal such as the Negro church community. LEVISON indicated that it was always a mistake for the SCLC to accept more money from white people than it did from Negroes and that a greater emphasis should be made in obtaining Negro membership so that this will become an all black organization.

LEVISON further indicated that he was still concerned about the fact that CORETTA KING is being subjected to too many interviews and that her public image is being destroyed.

LEVISON stated that he particularly wanted to control any aspect of the SCLC's activities which will bring in money.

LEVISON stated that he would like to see RALPH ABERNATHY establish an image of his own which would be that of a militant, simple, straight-forward person who would not attempt to pass himself off as an individual. He feels that it would be no great loss if ABERNATHY never emerges as an intellectual-type person.

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On April 24, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON met with MARTIN PERETZ* and LEVISON advised that he had spoken to

CORETTA KING and that she agreed to address the senior class of Harvard University at Class Day exercises June 12, 1968.

PERETZ asked LEVISON who would write the speech for CORETTA KING and LEVISON advised that he prepares all of Mrs. KING's statements and speeches.

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On May 1, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON indicated that he still feels that the SCLC should be a membership organization but that it is not necessary to have branches around the country.

LEVISON indicated that a valuable way to recruit members to the SCLC would be through labor unions such as the Teamsters Union or the Packing House Workers Union in Chicago.

LEVISON indicated that he has contacts in these unions who would help him get members into the SCLC.

LEVISON stated that of course he realizes that the SCLC as an organization would have to approve of any changes made which would make it a "member-type organization".

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On May 2, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON contacted CERILLO MC SWEEN and advised MC SWEEN that the fund raising activities of the SCLC are going well.

MC SWEEN indicated that there are still several people who are capitalizing on the fund raising activities

of the SCLC by making unauthorized attempts to raise money for the SCLC and that the money that has been raised is not going into the SCLC treasury. LEVISON agreed that an SCLC committee should be set up to approve all those plans that are made to raise money for the SCLC and that some system should be devised to make sure the money does go into the SCLC treasury.

LEVISON pointed out that several people are circulating literature involved with fund raising for the SCLC and that these people are even giving themselves titles as SCLC executives.

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On May 6, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON complained that RALPH ABERNATHY and CORETTA KING are making severe demands upon him to write statements and speeches for them on a moment's notice. LEVISON mentioned that he had been told by a close associate of RALPH ABERNATHY that ABERNATHY has been acting very insecure and has shown signs of paranoia. LEVISON indicated that ABERNATHY does not feel that he is very successful in delivering speeches but that he will have to learn to make the best of the situation in any way he can. LEVISON stated that ABERNATHY cannot expect to be constantly "propped up" and have a "false face" put on.

LEVISON advised that he has been told that one of ABERNATHY's closest fears is that he will be ignored by the press. LEVISON advised that he had prepared an eight page speech for ABERNATHY for ABERNATHY's use in the immediate future. LEVISON suggested that it would be a good idea if ABERNATHY stopped making speeches and start administering the SCLC properly and that if he does not, he will lose people like [redacted] and HARRY BELAFONTE if he continues to show that he cannot run the SCLC organization. LEVISON advised that he

believes people have the impression that the SCLC is falling apart under the leadership of RALPH ABERNATHY.

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On May 9, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON pointed out that in the current issue of "Jet" magazine there is a story about a congressman from South Carolina who read into the congressional record that it had been published in some Negro newspaper that RALPH ABERNATHY had been charged ten years ago with committing rape on a member of his church congregation.

LEVISON said that this is nothing to worry about because it is old news and apparently did not amount to much because nobody paid any attention to it. LEVISON stated that such a scurrilous attack was made only to assassinate ABERNATHY's character and that he would refuse to dignify a statement by discussing it any further.

LEVISON then indicated that he is still not satisfied with the way the SCLC is handling its finances and that he is willing to take complete responsibility for the handling of them. In discussing the financial situation of the SCLC, LEVISON indicated that it would be a good idea to send a telegram to the United Automobile Workers Union convention which is to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and ask for financial aid from that organization.

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On May 10, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON expressed his concern about the fact that some of the staff members of the SCLC who are in a position to handle the finances of the organization are being paid starvation wages. He indicated

that you should not put a person in a position of trust and then pay him a small salary in that it could be disastrous if they are not trustworthy people.

LEVISON advised that people within the SCLC organization are acting on their own in many cases and not seeking the advice of RALPH ABERNATHY. LEVISON continued that he agrees with HARRY BELAFONTE that unless ABERNATHY stops addressing every "fish fry" and attends to his business as the President of the SCLC, the organization is going to be fragmented and ABERNATHY will lose his position of leadership. LEVISON further stated that he does not feel that CORETTA KING is giving any help to ABERNATHY and she certainly is not helping the SCLC at all. LEVISON indicated that he and some others will just have to sit down with ABERNATHY and CORETTA KING and insist that they attempt to exercise some control over the organization.

LEVISON indicated that he feels much money is being spent unwisely on some aspects of the SCLC functions such as the radio program "Martin Luther King Speaks", which is not worth the great expense necessary to put it on the air.

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On May 13, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised that it would be a good idea to get CORETTA KING out of the country. He indicated that there were a couple of persons he spoke to about having CORETTA KING go to Sweden. LEVISON indicated that such a trip might be worth about $250,000 to the SCLC. LEVISON continued that he was told by HARRY BELAFONTE that BELAFONTE is finding it extremely difficult to deal with RALPH ABERNATHY.

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On May 15, 1968, CORETTA KING told STANLEY LEVISON that she was becoming increasingly disturbed about RALPH ABERNATHY and his management of the SCLC and the statements he has been making. She said that ABERNATHY has become very sensitive to criticism and not very much on the defensive.

CORETTA KING indicated that ABERNATHY has become very authoritative in dealing with the SCLC members and that he expects them not to question any of the statements he makes. She stated that ABERNATHY told her that while he cherishes the memory of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., "I love Ralph Abernathy even more".

Mrs. KING stated that ABERNATHY indicated that he was not going to be another MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and that he is going to run the SCLC in his own way.

Mrs. KING stated that she is concerned because ABERNATHY spends more time defending his leadership of the SCLC than he does performing his duties as the leader of the SCLC. She said she was wondering who could talk to ABERNATHY and considered LEVISON, but that she did not believe LEVISON would be the best person because he is white and was very close to KING. She advised that she felt the best person to speak to ABERNATHY would be HARRY BELAFONTE.

Mrs. KING advised that she has the definite impression that ABERNATHY feels someone is trying to take the leadership of the SCLC from him.

LEVISON indicated that it is difficult to talk to ABERNATHY because he is insecure and prefers to listen to flattery rather than criticism. LEVISON related that something new is developing in the way of attacks on the SCLC organization; namely, the use of ridicule. LEVISON indicated that that has

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been shown in various newspaper columns by pointing out that the SCLC is a very poorly run organization.

LEVISON said that ABERNATHY feels that the newspapers are against him and that it is impossible to convince ABERNATHY that they are not holding such a position.

Mrs. KING stated that she expressed her concern to ABERNATHY about the future of the SCLC and how important it is for him to communicate with his assistants as much as possible. She told ABERNATHY that even though he is the leader, he must count on his assistants for advice and help.

LEVISON indicated that ABERNATHY is so far from being the person that MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. was that they cannot even be compared in the same way. He stated that the only way to deal with ABERNATHY is bluntly and frankly. He said that everyone must level with ABERNATHY and make the criticisms to him that should be made.

LEVISON said that he believes that it would be best to have a collective leadership of the SCLC rather than let ABERNATHY try and run the whole show.

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On May 23, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised SCLC Executive Director, WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, that HARRY WACHTEL was arranging a fund raising dinner for about 350 people for the benefit of the SCLC. LEVISON estimated that they should be able to raise at least $300,000 for SCLC from this affair. LEVISON advised that WACHTEL is conducting a fund raising campaign among many people he knows. LEVISON indicated that WACHTEL has many wealthy and influential friends

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On May 28, 1968, a fund raising dinner for the benefit of the SCLC was held at the Essex House Hotel in New York City.

The aforementioned dinner started at about 6:30 P.M. and ended at 10:30 P.M. It was attended by approximately 400 people who paid $20 a ticket. Most of those in attendance were Caucasian.

Also in attendance was HARRY BELAFONTE who introduced CORETTA KING. Mrs. KING sang a few songs and made a plea for contributions to the SCLC.

It is estimated that approximately 460 tickets were sold and that the SCLC realized about $6 per ticket.

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On June 2, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised that he does not feel that the SCLC has been subjected to adequate leadership. He stated that he has the impression that no one wants to commit themselves for the organization and that no one wants to go to jail any more. He stated that he hears militant statements by RALPH ABERNATHY but he never hears of any of these being carried out. He described ABERNATHY as a blowhard who has few of the necessary qualities of leadership.

LEVISON advised that he feels that the failure of the Poor Peoples' Campaign in Washington, D.C., in June of 1968, is due to the faulty leadership of the SCLC.

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On June 3, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON and HARRY BELAFONTE commented on statements made by BAYARD RUSTIN which criticized the handling of the Poor Peoples' Campaign in Washington, D.C.

BELAFONTE stated that he feels he will have to tell RALPH ABERNATHY that he cannot support him any longer and that he may resign from the Board of Directors of the SCLC. LEVISON indicated that he is going to tell ABERNATHY that he is going to devote less of his time to the SCLC activities unless ABERNATHY comes forth with some positive program.

LEVISON pointed out to BELAFONTE that he feels that ABERNATHY is not aware of current proglems and has not made any suggestions or statements of value to anyone at any time since ha has become the President of the SCLC.

LEVISON indicated that it is possible for ABERNATHY by his actions to destroy the SCLC as an effective organization

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On June 5, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised that on June 4, 1968, he had a personal meeting with RALPH ABERNATHY. LEVISON advised that at this meeting ABERNATHY fell asleep during a discussion he was having with some other SCLC representatives who were also present.

LEVISON advised that he was told in confidence by ABERNATHY that there were only two people that he, ABERNATHY, ever trusted and they were MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and STANLEY LEVISON.

LEVISON said that ABERNATHY pleaded with him not to leave him at any time.

LEVISON indicated that CORETTA KING was now taking all the advice that he was offering her except that

she kept on insisting that the MARTIN LUTHER KING memorial library project was the most important of all the SCLC activities.

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On June 7, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON and CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC Legal Counsel in Chicago, Illinois, discussed the fact that CORETTA KING wishes to have complete control over the use of the name "MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.".

ESKRIDGE stated that he was against this because if she exercises complete control of KING's name, she would be defenseless against any group which saw fit to use that name for any fund raising or other activity.

ESKRIDGE blamed HARRY WACHTEL for putting this idea in CORETTA KING's mind. LEVISON agreed and noted that WACHTEL convinced CORETTA KING he has her best interest at heart and that the SCLC has a very selfish interest for wanting to keep control of the use of her husband's name.

LEVISON advised that he feels Mrs. KING wants complete use of her husband's name and will not give it up.

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On June 9, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON had a discussion with VICTOR LUDWIG, a former associate of his from Los Angeles, California. LUDWIG told LEVISON that a friend and his wife, PAUL and MARGE ALBERT, were leaving Los Angeles to go to New York. LUDWIG described ALBERT as being with a Congressional Advisory Committee that consisted of "dove" congressmen and senators.

LUDWIG indicated that MARGE ALBERT was probably the best person they have for writing fund raising letters and was a terrific organizer. LUDWIG said he would put ALBERT with LEVISON in the near future.

LEVISON and LUDWIG then discussed their mutual friend, BAYARD RUSTIN. They commented on the fact that RUSTIN can change his views to fit any situation on a moment's notice.

LEVISON mentioned to LUDWIG that the SCLC was faultering under the weak leadership of its President, RALPH ABERNATHY. LEVISON commented that he feels that the SCLC is going through what had to be expected, which is whether it can survive without MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

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On June 12, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON expressed his opinion on the leadership of the SCLC at this time.

He stated that half of the SCLC staff are psychotic, such as JOSEA WILLIAMS and JAMES BEVEL. He stated that ANDREW YOUNG has collapsed from the inside and that RALPH ABERNATHY is as stupid as he sounds. He further described ANDREW YOUNG as a calm individual who is afraid of the SCLC staff because it is unsound and he does not want to fight it from inside the organization. According to LEVISON, ABERNATHY could fight the organization from the inside but is dismally stupid.

LEVISON stated that he can think of absolutely no one who would be an efficient leader of the SCLC. He said at one time he would have chosen ANDREW YOUNG, but he realizes now he would have been wrong. He stated that even if a correct policy had been laid down for the SCLC by its

present leadership, there is no one capable of carrying it out.

LEVISON compared the present leadership of the SCLC to be representative of the "BAYARD RUSTIN-type individual, a hustler and an opportunist".

LEVISON indicated that he feels the only people who can save the SCLC are maybe himself, HARRY BELAFONTE, CORETTA KING and maybe ANDREW YOUNG.

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On June 13, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised that he was pleased to see that CORETTA KING did not change any of the positions he set forth for her in the speech that he wrote for her to deliver at Harvard University on June 12, 1968.

LEVISON indicated that the most crucial part of the speech was where he wrote for her to say: "The Vietnam war, which is the most cruel and evil war in our history, must come to an end."

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On June 18, 1968, RALPH ABERNATHY requested STANLEY LEVISON to prepare a press release for him commenting on the recent United States Supreme Court decision on open housing.

LEVISON stated that he prepared a press release for ABERNATHY in which he stated that ABERNATHY would pay tribute to the Supreme Court for its courage, but would indicate that recent Supreme Court decisions have not done away with the ghettoes.

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On June 29, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised that he told CORETTA KING that her idea about going to jail for the summer of 1968 would serve no useful purpose in that she does not need any further publicity at this time.

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On July 6, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised CORETTA KING that she should decline an invitation to attend the Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida, because of her moral and legal committments to spend the months of July and August of 1968 preparing her book.

LEVISON advised CORETTA KING that she should be careful in signing any statements demanding an end to the bombing and withdrawal of United States troops from Vietnam until she could determine who the other signers of the statement would be.

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On July 4, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON was told by CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, SCLC Legal Advisor in Chicago, Illinois, that there are certain financial matters within SCLC that LEVISON should discuss with CORETTA KING because many things are hers on property but others are the property of the SCLC. He said that CORETTA KING has the opinion that anything to do with MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. is the property of her estate.

LEVISON stated that he does not intend to discuss any financial matters with CORETTA KING.

LEVISON told ESKRIDGE that financial matters must be discussed by all the members of the SCLC staff and that RALPH ABERNATHY has to be made to see that he cannot lead

the organization alone. LEVISON blamed ABERNATHY for what he considers to be the complete failure of the SCLC from MARTIN LUTHER KING's death until the present time.

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On August 11, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON and ANDREW YOUNG discussed the operation of the NYO of the SCLC. They debated the idea of putting a new person in charge of that branch of the SCLC.

YOUNG suggested that it would have to be a very competent person. LEVISON indicated he would look into this.

YOUNG asked LEVISON's opinion of how RALPH ABERNATHY appeared when he led a group of individuals into the Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida. LEVISON stated that ABERNATHY made a very poor appearance in that he gets negative reactions from most people. LEVISON said ABERNATHY does not come over very well on television and that he appears slow witted to most of the people who observe him.

LEVISON stated that he felt it was a mistake for ABERNATHY to go with Governor KIRK of Florida into the community in Miami where an outbreak of violence occurred during the Republican Convention. YOUNG agreed that it was a mistake for ABERNATHY to travel with Governor KIRK in a police car.

LEVISON told YOUNG that it is very important that someone emerge as a "figure" within the SCLC or it will not be able to raise any funds. LEVISON indicated that the SCLC is suffering from "dry rot".

YOUNG said that he intends to comment on the deliberate attempts of the right wing to provoke violence and he will use as examples the recent disturbances in Paris, France, to show that violence only produces a stronger reaction from the right wing element.

YOUNG indicated that he believes it is the right wing that is deliberately trying to stir up the Negroes in the East Point area of Atlanta, Georgia, and cause violence in order to create a reaction among white people. This would result in white people getting out and voting because not enough white people are voting as compared to Negroes.

LEVISON indicated that the sniping that has been going on in different communities might have been done by right wing people in order to blame the Negroes. LEVISON suggested to YOUNG that YOUNG point out that there has not been any violence this summer comparable to other summers and that YOUNG could attribute this to the efforts of the SCLC.

LEVISON indicated that he recently conferred with several SCLC officials and that they all agreed that the SCLC could best be run by collective leadership.

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On August 13, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON was asked by HARRY BELAFONTE if he, LEVISON, had heard of CORETTA KING's request to requisition 50 per cent of the MARTIN LUTHER KING memorial fund for her own purposes.

LEVISON advised that the aforementioned fund was established with the understanding it was to be shared.

BELAFONTE indicated that LEVISON should talk to CORETTA KING about requisitioning the money as it looks like

a confrontation is imminent between Mrs. KING and several people on the SCLC Executive Board.

LEVISON stated that Mrs. KING was instrumental in raising much of the money for the fund and that she should be able to use some of it to take care of her staff.

BELAFONTE indicated that he did not think it would cost her $200,000 a year to maintain her staff.

LEVISON stated that he felt it would cose Mrs. KING about $50,000 to maintain her staff and he indicated that there is no specific arrangements in the MARTIN LUTHER KING memorial fund which would preclude Mrs. KING from utilizing the money as she sees fit.

BELAFONTE indicated that he feels that all the money that has been collected so far for the MARTIN LUTHER KING memorial fund has never been put in the treasury of that fund. BELAFONTE indicated that he thinks that while a million dollars was received for the fund, the fund has actually received only about half of this.

LEVISON agreed that he would look into this matter.

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On August 14, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON advised that he heard from JOAN DAVIS, a publisher's representative, that CORETTA KING was ready to sign a $750,000 contract. LEVISON indicated that he wished HARRY WACHTEL to go over this contract with CORETTA KING before she was to sign it.

LEVISON indicated that the contract was between CORETTA KING and the Holt Publishing Company and that it

was for a book to be written by CORETTA KING concerning her life with her late husband.

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On August 15, 1968, STANLEY LEVISON told HARRY BELAFONTE that he discussed with BERNARD LEE, an SCLC aid, the fact that CORETTA KING wished to requisition part of the MARTIN LUTHER KING memorial fund for her own use. LEVISON indicated that he heard LEE agree that CORETTA KING deserves some moneys from this fund.

LEE indicated to LEVISON that the SCLC has at least a million dollars in its treasury apart from the moneys that are in the MARTIN LUTHER KING memorial fund treasury.

LEVISON noted that LEE felt that CORETTA KING was not honoring her husband's memory properly in that she is participating in too many commercial activities. LEVISON further stated that LEE is fearful that CORETTA KING is going to forbid the SCLC to use KING's name for any purpose without consulting her.

LEVISON said that he told LEE that Mrs. KING was working hard not for herself but to provide for the financial security of her children and that if she did not work to support her children, the SCLC would have to bear this responsibility.

BELAFONTE indicated that he was pleased with the way LEVISON handled the meeting with LEE but he still feels that the SCLC is justified in some of its criticism of CORETTA KING but he does not want to see her affections for the SCLC alienated.

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A. Individuals

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HARRY BELAFONTE

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LEON DAVIS

"The New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, in its July 18, 1966 issue on page 19, contained an article on LEON JULIUS DAVIS whom it described as the President of Local 1199, Drug and Hospital Employees Union. The article noted in part "Mr. Davis is a critic of United States policy in Vietnam and last Spring, he joined with

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some 20 other labor leaders to form the Trade Union Division of the National Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy.

"Mr. Davis and his local, an affiliate of the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, have often been labelled leftists. In 1948, Mr. Davis appeared before the House of Representatives Labor Sub-committee whether he was a Communist. Later, he stated he was not."

The article also noted "In recent years, he has also become increasingly involved in the civil rights movement."

On December 30, 1946, a source advised that DAVIS was a member of the North Shore Section of the CP Queens County, New York City.

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MOE FONER

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"The New York Journal American", a former evening New York City newspaper, in its issue of February 5, 1947, contained an article which reflected that MOE FONER was banned from the membership in the Flushing Chapter of the American Veterans Committee because he admitted he was a Communist.

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STANLEY LEVISON

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VICTOR LUDWIG

A source advised on February 23, 1949, that VICTOR LUDWIG was active in the CP, District of Chicago, Illinois, in the 1940's, prior to November, 1948.

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MARTIN PERETZ

"Time" magazine, in its issue of December 1, 1967, page 38, described MARTIN PERETZ as a Harvard lecturer in

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Government who had contributed substantially to "Rampart's" magazine "as well as to other new left groups". It said that he was the "latest dropout" from "Rampart" in which he had been a major stockholder.

BAYARD RUSTIN

In the "Saturday Evening Post" issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, BAYARD RUSTIN is the subject of a feature article captioned "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, RUSTIN is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the YCL, and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, RUSTIN gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The "Daily Worker", on February 11, 1967, page 1, column 2, reported that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resistors League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the CP, USA, held in New York City on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1968.

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On February 19 and 20, 1964, a source advised that BAYARD RUSTIN contacted BENJAMIN J. DAVIS on those dates

and sought his advice on how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, DAVIS told RUSTIN that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts in the group to which RUSTIN was to speak. (U)

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HARRY WACHTEL

HARRY WACHTEL is the Executive Vice-President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Splitrock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Literature distributed by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), headquartered at 360-362 Nelson Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, describes itself as not being a membership organization, but rather an agency attempting to stimulate and foster the growth of local protest movements. SNCC was born out of the sit-in movement which erupted across the South beginning on February 1, 1960. A conference at Raleigh, North Carolina, that Spring, brought together many of the demonstrating Southern students in a loose network of militant youth which was officially named SNCC in October, 1960.

A source has advised that in May, 1966, STOKELY CARMICHAEL was elected National Chairman by the Central Committee. In May, 1967, CARMICHAEL was replaced as Chairman by H. RAPP BROWN, with CARMICHAEL assuming the position of Recruiter and Organizer for the SNCC. In August, 1967, at the invitation of FIDEL CASTRO, CARMICHAEL participated in the Organization of Latin American Solidarity Conference which was held in Havana, Cuba. Subsequent thereto, CARMICHAEL traveled to Hanoi and other sections of North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in December, 1967, at which time his passport was picked up because of travel to unauthorized countries.

A source advised that when CARMICHAEL was elected Chairman of SNCC, the organization embarked on a program of eliminating Caucasians from its ranks. With the election of H. RAP BROWN as Chairman in 1967, it embarked on a world-wide struggle for human rights and to take a firm stand against violations of these rights by the American Government and to strengthen its programs of opposition to the draft and to the United States involvement in Vietnam.

Literature distributed in February, 1968, identifies SNCC as an organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

On August 13, 1967, while addressing a group in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California, H. RAP BROWN said "You better shape up America, or we'll burn you down." Later in February, 1968, in a publicized note BROWN wrote, "America, if it takes my death to organize my people to revolt against you and to organize your jails to revolt against you and to organize your children, your God, your poor, your country, and to organize mankind to rejoice in your destruction and ruin, then here's my life."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794) DATE: 9/20/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-42300) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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(OO:AT)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Atlanta two copies of an LHM dated as above and captioned "POOR PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION."

Enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" as it contains information furnished by a confidential source whose identity must be protected.

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WFO has disseminated enclosed LHM locally to the AUSA, WDC; NISO; OSI; 116th MIG; and the U.S. Secret Service.

This matter will be followed closely by WFO through logical sources. Atlanta is requested to furnish WFO any info in their possession re the Poor People's Organization.

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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted]: ISD; CID, RAO

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FBI

Date: 9/19/68

Transmit the following in ~~TYPE~~ CONFIDENTIAL (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-115) (P)

COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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OO: ATLANTA

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DECLASSIFICATION ...

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memo suitable for dissemination. Copies of this LHM have been disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, U. S Attorney, Birmingham, and Secret Service, Birmingham.

Enclosed for Atlanta are 2 copies of the above-mentioned letterhead memo.

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AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI; SEC. SER: [redacted]: [redacted], CRD, RAO
DATE FORW: 9/23/68
HOW FORW: [redacted]
BY: [redacted]
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ CONFIDENTIAL
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
September 19, 1968

Chief
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.

2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.

3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.

4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.

5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:

   (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior:
   (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
   (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.

6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

7. X Of possible interest to Secret Service.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Not classified

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)
U. S. Secret Service **Birmingham (RM)**

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(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama 35203
September 19, 1968

Title COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Character INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNISM

Reference Letterhead memorandum dated September 19, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Date: 9/13/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ReButel to Atlanta and Chicago 9/13/68.

The strike of the Atlanta sanitation workers was ended with a settlement between the workers and the City of Atlanta on the afternoon of 9/13/68, and the sanitation workers returned to work.

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FBI

Date: 9/24/68

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Via AIRTEL AS/N 735-P REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5718) (P)
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

SUBJECT: COMINFIL OF SCLC
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Enclosed for Bureau are eight copies of LHM and for New York two copies of LHM.

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM 7/22/68 captioned as above and New York teletype to Bureau 7/16/68 captioned "SCLC-RM."

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Referenced New York teletype indicates that on 7/16/68 STANLEY LEVISON stated HUNTER PITTS O'DELL was on MC CARTHY's staff [redacted]

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF 9/25/68

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted] CSI; SEC. SERV
DATE FORW: 9/26/68
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STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Today SNCC identifies itself as a organization in the revolutionary vanguard. It advocates that to be successful it is necessary to develop a revolutionary ideology and revolutionary program.

According to SNCC the year 1967 marked a historic milestone in the struggle for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. SNCC declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus --- the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

From May, 1966, until May, 1967, Stokely Carmichael was National Chairman of SNCC. As of July, 1968, Carmichael resided in Washington, D. C., where he was affiliated with SNCC and active as temporary chairman of a black coalition group. In May, 1967, Carmichael was replaced by Hubert Gerold Brown, commonly known as H. Rap Brown, who served until June, 1968.

In June, 1968, at the Staff and Central Committee meeting of SNCC held in Atlanta, Georgia, it was decided to restructure the organization by equalization of responsibility by creating ten deputy or vice chairmanships. The primary purpose for this change is to take law enforcement pressure of any single individual.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, AUGUST 14-17, 1968, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The "Pittsburgh Courier," a weekly newspaper, reported in an article on August 24, 1968, that Thomas McGarrity, Chairman of the Pittsburgh Committee of the Poor People's Campaign, had announced that eleven members of the Committee had attended the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, from August 14 through August 17, 1968. In addition to McGarrity, those who attended the Convention were Arnold Hayes, Mildred Rogers, Sarah Jackson, Carl Jackson, Sir John Binks, Ralph Burnett, Flossie Dennison, Marjorie Williams, Tom Grace, Earl Johnson, and Francine Evens.

The late Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), announced publicly in the fall of 1967, that he would conduct a massive civil disobedience campaign in the nation's Capitol in the spring of 1968, in an effort to pressure Congress into passing legislation favorable to the Negro. King named the program the "Poor People's Campaign" (PPC).

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Don Freeman is further described in the characterization of RAM which is contained in the Appendix hereto. b1

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A characterization of the Afro-American Institute is contained in the Appendix hereto.

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled, "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

The document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the non-white races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the crime of kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled, "The Crusader," from Havana.

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This source in September, 1964, advised RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely non-white in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the non-white races of the world rather than to any national entity, as such.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization began in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin." FREEMAN served as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, now of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving as RAM Field Chairman.

This source stated in May, 1965, there has been no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM but that headquarters have been with FREEMAN since he has played such a dominant role in the leadership of and has directed the policies and activities of the organization.

Within recent months, according to the second source, dissension with RAM has become evident and some dissatisfaction with FREEMAN's leadership has arisen. So far as is known, however, he remains the titular leader of RAM.

To date, according to the second source in May, 1965, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east

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of the Mississippi River and the organization is currently active in attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.

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AFRO-AMERICAN INSTITUTE

A source advised on December 8, 1967, that the Afro-American Institute (AAI) was a newly-formed Pittsburgh, Pa., Black Power organization which believes in violence.

A second source advised on May 7, 1968, that the AAI is a clandestine Black Nationalist revolutionary group comprised of approximately twenty-five members, both male and female. Membership is limited to blacks and is open to those persons found personally acceptable to the leadership. Meetings are held at the Ebeneezer Baptist Church's Community and Recreation Center, Pittsburgh, each Monday at 8:00 p.m., but are frequently cancelled. Some meetings are held in private homes and at the Black Power Center, 717 North Homewood Ave., Pittsburgh.

According to the second source, the AAI has no treasury but hopes to create one by charging admission to social events which it will sponsor. There are no dues and no collections are taken at meetings.

Officers of the AAI are Sam Howze, Chairman; David Owens, Vice Chairman; and August Wilson, Defense Minister.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/25/68

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-2845)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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A review of captioned file in the Philadelphia Division reflects this case will be handled under the racial category.

This file, formerly PH100-47194 , BU 100-438794, has been consolidated into PH 157- 2845.

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1 - Philadelphia (157- 2845)

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Date: 9/24/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18339) (P)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL SCLC
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"Stamford Advocate", a daily newspaper published in Stamford, Connecticut, recently carried a story on page one to the effect that the Reverend Dr. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY and Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., would launch the first Chapter of the SCLC in Connecticut on 9/27/68, at a meeting to be held at Rippowam High School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Subsequent information has determined that Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., will in all probability not attend the meeting.

According to the article, the Reverend ANDREW YOUNG, HOSEA WILLIAMS, and Y. T. ROGERS, Director of Affiliates for SCLC, would also be on hand. Dr. ABERNATHY is to speak on the objectives of SCLC in the North when he presides at the iniation ceremonies.

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The Chapter is being sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Church, Stamford, Connecticut, and was organized by Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD, 97 Washington Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut, a member of the congregation.

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(1- Rev. ABERNATHY)
3- Atlanta (2- 100-5718)
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Officers of the Chapter are:

Bishop C. H. BREWER
New Haven, Connecticut
Executive Director and Treasurer

Mrs. ELIZABETH DILLARD
Assistant Executive Director

Miss BEVERLY MEDLEY
Executive Secretary

Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS
New Haven, Connecticut
Advisor

Rev. JAMES WILKINSON
Field Staff Director

Rev. HAROLD MC CORD
Assistant Field Staff Director

Members of the Board of Directors are:

Rev. WILLIE GINYARD
Chairman

ALVIN BROOKS
President

Mrs. MARY MEDLEY
Vice Chairman

HAROLD JACKSON
Vice President

Miss DELPHINE LITTLES
Secretary

Miss MARY GRIFFIN

Mrs. MAGNOLIA JACKSON
New Haven, Connecticut

Mrs. MARY LONG

Rev. ULYSSES RALPH

All of the above individuals are Stamford, Connecticut, residents except as otherwise noted.

LEADS

NEW HAVEN

At Stamford, Connecticut

Will follow and report in LHM details and results of ABERNATHY's visit.

Will review indices, credit and criminal and informants re officers and directors of SCLC.

At New Haven, Connecticut

Will conduct credit, criminal and informant checks re Bishop C. H. BREWER, Dr. ERWIN EDMONDS, and Mrs. MAGNOLIA JACKSON.

In addition, when informant contacts are made will obtain any available information regarding the other officers and directors as set forth in details above.

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100-438794

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971) (~~105-43879~~)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635) (105-16238) (P)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
RM-NOI

(OO: CHICAGO)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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(OO: ATLANTA)

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Re Chicago tel dated 8/30/68

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Four copies of the LHM are enclosed for Atlanta. Copies are being disseminated to the USA and Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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The enclosed LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ as information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

Chicago is taking no further action in this matter, it being noted both the NOI and SCLC in Chicago are pending.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois 60604
September 3, 1968

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NATION OF ISLAM

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Nation of Islam (NOI) is described in the appendix section of this communication.

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2520) (P)

SUBJECT: OPERATION BREADBASKET
RM
CO: ATLANTA

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 9/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

One copy of the LHM has been furnished to USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago will follow and keep the Bureau advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois 60604
September 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 157-2520

OPERATION BREADBASKET

On September 25, 1968, during the early afternoon approximately ten demonstrators, all Negro, were observed by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, conducting a picketing demonstration in front of the Office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), 431 South Dearborn Street, Chicago.

The demonstrators carried signs calling for the resignation of Ed Mc Clellan, President of the Chicago Chapter of the NAACP, for his failure to support the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and Operation Breadbasket in its boycott of the A & P stores in Chicago. The demonstrators handed out leaflets, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The demonstrators picketed in a peaceful manner and no incidents or arrests occurred.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to United States Attorney, United States Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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1 APPENDIX

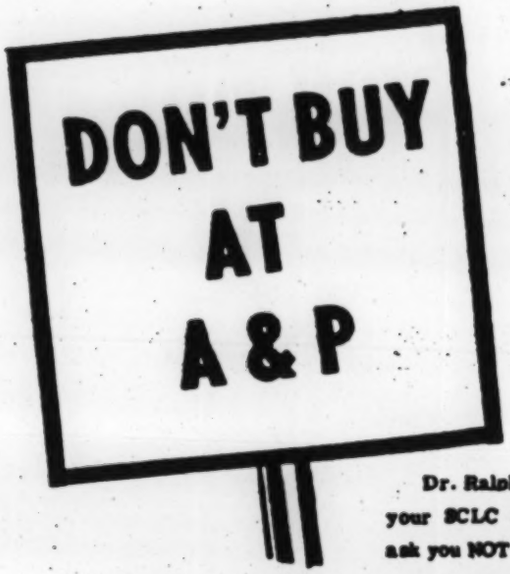
NATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on May 3, 1968, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) is an all Negro organization originating in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930s. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the leader of the NOI and self-styled "Messenger of Allah" in that he claims Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation within the United States. Headquarters of the NOI is located at Muhammad's Temple (or Mosque) Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

MUHAMMAD teaches there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "devils," in the United States; and that the white race because of its exploitation of the so-called Negro will be destroyed by Allah in an approaching "War of Armageddon," a war between God and the devil.

Officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to comply with provisions of the Selective Service Act, stating that they respect laws of the United States as long as they do not conflict with the laws of the NOI, but do not believe the government should force them to participate in wars from which they have nothing to gain.

In the late 1950s MUHAMMAD, acting on legal advice, tempered NOI teachings against the white man and the government to avoid possible prosecution; however, basic tenets remain the same. He de-emphasized religious teachings in the NOI and emphasized economic benefits derived by so-called Negroes who join the NOI. MUHAMMAD believed this would create more interest in his programs and, of course, new followers.



Dr. Ralph Abernathy, and Rev. Jessie Jackson, your SCLC and Operation Breadbasket leaders, ask you NOT to BUY at A & P because:

1. ALTHOUGH A & P DOES BUSINESS THROUGHOUT THE BLACK COMMUNITY, A & P DISRESPECTS BLACK PEOPLE AND IS INSENSITIVE TO THE THE PROBLEMS BLACK PEOPLE FACE.
   THEY LISTENED TO THE MINISTERS OF OPERATION BREADBASKET, BUT THEY DIDN'T HEAR WHAT THEY WERE SAYING.

2. A & P FAILED TO FULFILL THE OLD COVENANT AND REFUSES TO SIGN A NEW COVENANT.
   A & P FILLED ONLY 83 OF THE 770 JOBS THEY PROMISED LAST YEAR. NOW THEY REFUSE TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO A NEW COVENANT.

3. A & P HAS SERIOUS EMPLOYMENT DEFICIENCIES.
   A & P HAS 52 SECRETARIES AND STENOGRAPHERS IN IT'S MAIN OFFICE. NOT ONE IS BLACK
   AMONG 363 EMPLOYERS IN IT'S MAIN OFFICE, ONLY 26 ARE BLACK.
   A & P HAS 323 BUTCHERS ONLY 38 ARE BLACK.
   A & P HAS 28 NON-BLACK SUPERVISORS; AND ONLY ONE BLACK SUPERVISOR IN IT'S WAREHOUSES.
   IN THE WAREHOUSES, ONLY 4 OUT OF 62 OFFICE WORKERS ARE BLACK.

DON'T SHOP AT A&P UNTIL YOU HEAR
A&P HAS SIGNED A NEW AGREEMENT
WITH SCLC'S OPERATION BREADBASKET

SCLC'S OPERATION BREADBASKET 306 EAST 47TH STREET PHONE 548-6540

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (Your file 100-149194) DATE: 8/17/68

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-438794)

Room No. [redacted]

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SUBJECT: Cominfil
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
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☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☐ submitted 5466
☑ report
☐ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted On or About 9-13-68

Reporting employee _____

☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

☐ 4. Status of ☐ Appeal ☐ Inquiry ☐ Investigation ☐ Prosecution

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Atlanta (Your file JM-5718) DATE: 8/14/68

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-438784) ☐ Post in file and [illegible] (For SOG use only)

Room No. [illegible]

SUBJECT: Cominfil
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-448006) DATE: 11/25/68

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (157-2371) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE
(UNITED VETERANS FOR FREEDOM AND
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE)

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Re Philadelphia airtel and letterhead memorandum to Bureau dated 10/14/68.

Bureau permission is requested to put the following plan into action as a counterintelligence measure against Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in Philadelphia:

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1 - 167- (UVF)
2 - Atlanta (157-) (SCLC)
4 - Philadelphia
1 - 157-2371
1 - 157-2861 (RUBEN BUTLER)
1 - 157-2863 (UVF)
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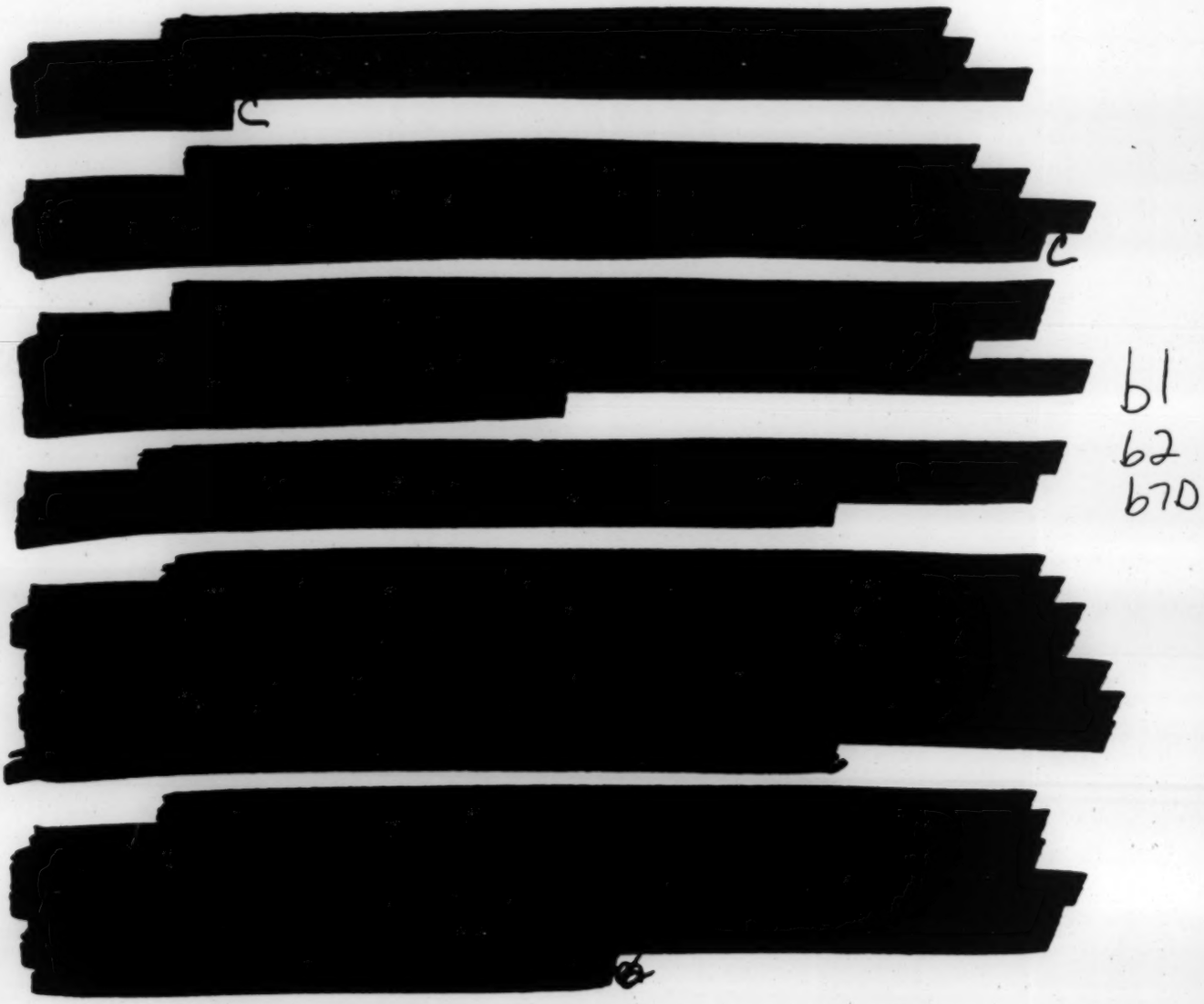

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Bureau permission is requested to put the above plan into effect immediately.

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